Application No.: 10/540,004 Reply dated June 16, 2010

Reply to Office Action of January 21, 2010

REMARKS

As the Examiner will note, the Applicants are submitting herewith a Declaration Under

37 CFR 1.132 wherein the Inventor, Mr. Yoshiki Hashizume clearly points out the advantageous

features of the present invention and further asserts his arguments as to why it would not be

obvious to combine the teachings of the Yukawa reference, US 6,617,409B2 and the Miyazaki

reference, US 4,931,505 as suggested by the Examiner.

Clearly, it is believed that the Applicants have defined an inventive contribution which is

not recognized by any of the references relied upon by the Examiner, either alone or in

combination. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all of the claims of

the present application are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch, Registration

No. 22463 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort

to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to

charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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